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To authorize additional assistance to countries with large populations having HIV/AIDS, to authorize assistance for tuberculosis prevention, treatment, control, and elimination, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. Helms, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Global AIDS and Tu-
- 5 berculosis Relief Act of 2000''.

1 TITLE I—ASSISTANCE TO COUN-

TRIES WITH LARGE POPU-

LATIONS HAVING HIV/AIDS
SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.
This title may be cited as the "Global AIDS Research
and Relief Act of 2000".
SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.
In this title:
(1) AIDS.—The term "AIDS" means the ac-
quired immune deficiency syndrome.
(2) Association.—The term "Association"
means the International Development Association.
(3) Bank.—The term "Bank" or "World
Bank" means the International Bank for Recon-
struction and Development.
(4) HIV.—The term "HIV" means the human
immunodeficiency virus.
(5) HIV/AIDS.—The term "HIV/AIDS"
means, with respect to an individual—
(A) an individual having HIV but not
AIDS; or
(B) an individual having HIV and AIDS.
SEC. 103. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.
(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-

25 ings:

- 1 (1) According to statistics of the World Bank, 2 more than 90 percent of all adults and children with 3 HIV/AIDS live in the developing world—62 percent 4 in sub-Saharan Africa, 24 percent in Asia, and 6.9 5 percent in Latin America and the Caribbean.
 - (2) According to UNAIDS, nearly 4,500,000 children under 15 years of age have been infected with HIV since the AIDS epidemic began. More than 3,000,000 have already died of AIDS. Children are becoming infected at about the rate of 1 child every minute, and the overwhelming majority of these children acquire the infection from their mothers.
 - (3) The gap between rich and poor countries in terms of transmission of HIV from mother to child has been increasing. Moreover, AIDS threatens to reverse years of steady progress of child survival in developing countries. UNAIDS believes that by the year 2010, AIDS may have increased mortality of children under 5 years of age by more than 100 percent in regions most affected by the virus.
 - (4) In Africa, the death toll from AIDS has reached 13,000,000, while 23,000,000 others live with the disease, and more than 10,000,000 children have been infected or orphaned by it.

- 1 (5) The World Bank, declaring AIDS not just 2 a public health problem but the "foremost and fast-3 est-growing threat to development" in Africa, has 4 launched a new strategy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, 5 declaring it a top priority for the World Bank on 6 that continent.
 - (6) AIDS, like all diseases, knows no boundaries, and there is no certitude that the scale of the problem in one continent can be contained within that region.
 - (7) Accordingly, United States financial support for medical research, education, and disease containment as a global strategy has beneficial ramifications for millions of Americans and their families who are affected by this disease, and the entire population which is potentially susceptible.
 - (8) The discovery of a relatively simple and cheap means of interrupting the transmission of HIV from an infected mother to the unborn child—namely with nevirapine (NVP), which costs US\$4 a tablet—has created a great opportunity for an unprecedented partnership between the United States Government and the governments of Asian, African and Latin American countries to combat mother-to-

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- child transmission (also known as "vertical transmission") of HIV.
- (9) According to UNAIDS, this strategy will
 decrease the proportion of orphans that are HIV-infected and decrease infant and child mortality rates
 in these developing regions.
 - (10) At current infection and growth rates for HIV/AIDS, the National Intelligence Council estimates that the number of AIDS orphans worldwide will increase dramatically, potentially increasing threefold or more in the next 10 years, contributing to economic decay, social fragmentation, and political destabilization in already volatile and strained societies. Children without care or hope are often drawn into prostitution, crime, substance abuse, or child soldiery.
 - (11) Donors must focus on adequate preparations for the explosion in the number of orphans and the burden they will place on families, communities, economies, and governments. Support structures and incentives for families, communities, and institutions which will provide care for children orphaned by HIV/AIDS, or for the children who are themselves infected by HIV/AIDS, will be essential.

1	(12) A mother-to-child antiretroviral drug strat-
2	egy can be a force for social change, providing the
3	opportunity and impetus needed to tackle often long-
4	standing problems of inadequate services and the
5	profound stigma associated with HIV-infection and
6	the AIDS disease. Strengthening the health infra-
7	structure to improve mother-and-child health,
8	antenatal, delivery and postnatal services, and cou-
9	ples counseling generates enormous spillover effects
10	toward combating the AIDS epidemic in developing
11	regions.
12	(b) Purposes.—The purposes of this title are to—
13	(1) prevent human suffering; and
14	(2) ensure the viability of economic develop-
15	ment, stability, and national security in the devel-
16	oping world by advancing research to—
17	(A) understand the causes associated with
18	HIV/AIDS in developing countries; and
19	(B) assist in the development of an AIDS
20	vaccine.
21	SEC. 104. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITIES TO COM-
22	BAT HIV AND AIDS.
23	(a) Assistance for Prevention of HIV/AIDS
24	AND VERTICAL TRANSMISSION.—Section 104(c) of the
25	Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151b(c)) is

- 1 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
- 2 graphs:
- 3 "(4)(A) Congress recognizes the growing inter-
- 4 national dilemma of children with the human immuno-
- 5 deficiency virus (HIV) and the merits of intervention pro-
- 6 grams aimed at this problem. Congress further recognizes
- 7 that mother-to-child transmission prevention strategies
- 8 can serve as a major force for change in developing re-
- 9 gions, and it is, therefore, a major objective of the foreign
- 10 assistance program to control the acquired immune defi-
- 11 ciency syndrome (AIDS) epidemic.
- 12 "(B) The agency primarily responsible for admin-
- 13 istering this part shall—
- 14 "(i) coordinate with UNAIDS, UNICEF,
- 15 WHO, local governments, and other organizations to
- develop and implement effective strategies to prevent
- 17 vertical transmission of HIV; and
- 18 "(ii) coordinate with those organizations to in-
- 19 crease in scale intervention programs and introduce
- voluntary counseling and testing, antiretroviral
- 21 drugs, replacement feeding, and other strategies.
- 22 "(5)(A) Congress expects the agency primarily re-
- 23 sponsible for administering this part to make the human
- 24 immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and the acquired immune
- 25 deficiency syndrome (AIDS) a priority in the foreign as-

- 1 sistance program and to undertake a comprehensive, co-
- 2 ordinated effort to combat HIV and AIDS.
- 3 "(B) Assistance described in subparagraph (A) shall
- 4 include providing—
- 5 "(i) primary prevention and education;
- 6 "(ii) voluntary testing and counseling;
- 7 "(iii) medications to prevent the transmission of
- 8 HIV and AIDS from mother to child; and
- 9 "(iv) care for those living with HIV or AIDS.
- 10 "(6)(A) In addition to amounts otherwise available
- 11 for such purpose, there is authorized to be appropriated
- 12 to the President \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 to
- 13 carry out paragraphs (4) and (5).
- 14 "(B) Of the funds authorized to be appropriated
- 15 under subparagraph (A), not less than 65 percent is au-
- 16 thorized to be available through United States and foreign
- 17 nongovernmental organizations, including private and vol-
- 18 untary organizations, for-profit organizations, religious af-
- 19 filiated organizations, educational institutions, and re-
- 20 search facilities.
- 21 "(C)(i) Of the funds authorized to be appropriated
- 22 by subparagraph (A), not less than 20 percent is author-
- 23 ized to be available for programs as part of a multidonor
- 24 strategy to address the support and education of orphans
- 25 in sub-Saharan Africa, including AIDS orphans.

- 1 "(ii) Assistance made available under this subpara-
- 2 graph may be made available notwithstanding any other
- 3 provision of law.
- 4 "(D) Of the funds authorized to be appropriated
- 5 under subparagraph (A), not less than 8.3 percent is au-
- 6 thorized to be available to carry out the prevention strate-
- 7 gies for vertical transmission referred to in paragraph
- 8 (4)(A).
- 9 "(E) Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
- 10 subparagraph (A), not more than 7 percent may be used
- 11 for the administrative expenses of the agency primarily re-
- 12 sponsible for carrying out this part of this Act in support
- 13 of activities described in paragraphs (4) and (5).
- 14 "(F) Funds appropriated under this paragraph are
- 15 authorized to remain available until expended.".
- 16 (b) Training and Training Facilities in Sub-Sa-
- 17 HARAN AFRICA.—Section 496(i)(2) of the Foreign Assist-
- 18 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2293(i)(2)) is amended by
- 19 adding at the end the following new sentence: "In addi-
- 20 tion, providing training and training facilities, in sub-Sa-
- 21 haran Africa, for doctors and other health care providers,
- 22 notwithstanding any provision of law that restricts assist-
- 23 ance to foreign countries.".

1	SEC. 105. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL ALLI-
2	ANCE FOR VACCINES AND IMMUNIZATIONS
3	AND INTERNATIONAL AIDS VACCINE INITIA-
4	TIVE.
5	(a) Authorization of Appropriations.—Section
6	302 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
7	2222) is amended by adding at the end the following new
8	subsections:
9	"(j) In addition to amounts otherwise available under
10	this section, there is authorized to be appropriated to the
11	President \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 to be available
12	only for United States contributions to the Global Alliance
13	for Vaccines and Immunizations.
14	"(k) In addition to amounts otherwise available under
15	this section, there is authorized to be appropriated to the
16	President \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 to be available
17	only for United States contributions to the International
18	AIDS Vaccine Initiative.".
19	(b) REPORT.—At the close of fiscal year 2001, the
20	President shall submit a report to the appropriate con-
21	gressional committees on the effectiveness of the Global
22	Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations and the Inter-
23	national AIDS Vaccine Initiative during that fiscal year
24	in meeting the goals of—
25	(1) improving access to sustainable immuniza-
26	tion services;

1	(2) expanding the use of all existing, safe, and
2	cost-effective vaccines where they address a public
3	health problem;
4	(3) accelerating the development and introduc-
5	tion of new vaccines and technologies;
6	(4) accelerating research and development ef-
7	forts for vaccines needed primarily in developing
8	countries; and
9	(5) making immunization coverage a center-
10	piece in international development efforts.
11	(c) Appropriate Congressional Committees De-
12	FINED.—In subsection (b), the term "appropriate congres-
13	sional committees" means the Committee on Foreign Re-
14	lations of the Senate and the Committee on International
15	Relations of the House of Representatives.
16	SEC. 106. MULTILATERAL LIFESAVING VACCINE PURCHASE
17	FUND.
18	(a) Negotiations.—The President should enter into
19	negotiations with officials of foreign governments and
20	other interested parties for the establishment of an inter-
21	national vaccine purchase fund that would—
22	(1) accept contributions from governments of
23	developed countries;
24	(2) use such contributions to purchase and dis-
25	tribute in developing countries vaccines for—

1	(A) malaria,					
2	(B) tuberculosis,					
3	(C) HIV, and					
4	(D) any infectious disease (of a single eti-					
5	ology) which causes the deaths of over					
6	1,000,000 people worldwide each year; and					
7	(3) be a significant market incentive for private					
8	sector vaccine research.					
9	(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date					
10	of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the					
11	President shall submit a report to Congress on—					
12	(1) the status of negotiations under subsection					
13	(a); and					
14	(2) if such fund is established, any rec-					
15	ommendations for further action.					
16	SEC. 107. WORLD BANK TRUST FUND FOR AIDS PREVEN-					
17	TION AND ERADICATION.					
18	(a) Negotiations for the Creation of a World					
19	BANK TRUST FUND TO ASSIST IN AIDS PREVENTION					
20	AND ERADICATION.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall					
21	enter into negotiations with the World Bank or the Asso-					
22	ciation, with the member nations of such institutions, and					
23	with other interested parties for the creation of a trust					
24	fund, to be administered by the Bank or the Association,					
25	as appropriate, which would—					

- 1 (1) accept contributions from governments, the 2 private sector, and nongovernmental entities of all 3 kinds; and
- 4 (2) use such contributions to address the AIDS 5 epidemic in countries eligible to borrow from the As-6 sociation.
- 7 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi8 tion to any other funds authorized to be appropriated for
 9 multilateral or bilateral programs related to AIDS, there
 10 is authorized to be appropriated to the President
 11 \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 for payment to the
 12 trust fund established as a result of the negotiations en13 tered into pursuant to subsection (a).
- 14 (c) Report to Congress.—Beginning 1 year after 15 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Treasury shall submit to the Commit-16 tees on Banking and Financial Services and on Inter-17 national Relations of the House of Representatives and 18 the Committees on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs 19 20 and on Foreign Relations of the Senate a written report 21 on the trust fund established pursuant to subsection (a), the goals of the trust fund, the programs, projects, and 23 activities, including any vaccination approaches, supported by the trust fund, and the effectiveness of such programs,

- 1 projects, and activities in reducing the worldwide spread
- 2 of AIDS.
- SEC. 108. NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF A WORLD
- 4 BANK TRUST FUND FOR EDUCATION OF OR-
- 5 PHANS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.
- 6 (a) Negotiations.—The Secretary of the Treasury
- 7 shall enter into negotiations with the World Bank or the
- 8 Association, with member nations of such institutions, and
- 9 with other interested parties, for the creation of a trust
- 10 fund which could accept contributions from governments,
- 11 the private sector, and nongovernmental entities of all
- 12 kinds, and use such contributions to provide support for
- 13 or the establishment of programs which provide primary
- 14 and secondary education for orphans in sub-Saharan
- 15 Africa.
- 16 (b) Authorization of Appropriations.—In addi-
- 17 tion to funds otherwise available for the purposes of sub-
- 18 section (a), there is authorized to be appropriated to the
- 19 President \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year 2001 for pay-
- 20 ment to the trust fund established as a result of the nego-
- 21 tiations entered into pursuant to subsection (a).

1	SEC. 109. COORDINATED DONOR STRATEGY FOR SUPPORT			
2	AND EDUCATION OF ORPHANS IN SUB-SAHA-			
3	RAN AFRICA.			
4	Chapter 1 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act			
5	of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) is amended by adding			
6	at the end the following new section:			
7	"SEC. 131. COORDINATED DONOR STRATEGY FOR SUPPORT			
8	AND EDUCATION OF ORPHANS IN SUB-SAHA-			
9	RAN AFRICA.			
10	"(a) Statement of Policy.—It is in the national			
11	interest of the United States to assist in mitigating the			
12	burden that will be placed on sub-Saharan African social,			
13	economic, and political institutions as these institutions			
14	struggle with the consequences of a dramatically increas-			
15	ing AIDS orphan population, many of whom are them-			
16	selves infected by HIV/AIDS. Effectively addressing that			
17	burden and its consequences in sub-Saharan Africa will			
18	require a coordinated multidonor strategy.			
19	"(b) Development of Strategy.—The President			
20	shall coordinate the development of a multidonor strategy			
21	to provide for the support and education of AIDS orphans			
22	and the families, communities, and institutions most af-			
23	fected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa.			
24	"(c) Definition.—In this section, the term 'HIV/			
25	AIDS' means, with respect to an individual, an individual			
26	who is infected with—			

1	"(1) the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
2	or
3	"(2) HIV and the acquired immune deficiency
4	virus (AIDS).".
5	SEC. 110. AFRICAN CRISIS RESPONSE INITIATIVE AND HIV
6	AIDS TRAINING.
7	(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—
8	(1) the spread of AIDS constitutes a threat to
9	security in Africa;
10	(2) civil unrest and war may contribute to the
11	spread of the disease to different parts of the con-
12	tinent;
13	(3) the percentage of soldiers in African mili-
14	taries who are infected with HIV/AIDS is unknown.
15	but estimates range in some countries as high as 40
16	percent; and
17	(4) it is in the interests of the United States to
18	assist the countries of Africa in combating the
19	spread of HIV/AIDS.
20	(b) Education on the Prevention of the
21	SPREAD OF AIDS.—In undertaking education and train-
22	ing programs for military establishments of in African
23	countries, the United States shall ensure that classroom
24	training under the African Crisis Response Initiative in-

1	cludes military-based education on the prevention of the
2	spread of AIDS.
3	TITLE II—INTERNATIONAL
4	TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL
5	SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.
6	This title may be cited as the "International Tuber-
7	culosis Control Act of 2000".
8	SEC. 202. FINDINGS.
9	Congress makes the following findings:
10	(1) Since the development of antibiotics in the
11	1950s, tuberculosis has been largely controlled in the
12	United States and the Western World.
13	(2) Due to societal factors, including growing
14	urban decay, inadequate health care systems, per-
15	sistent poverty, overcrowding, and malnutrition, as
16	well as medical factors, including the HIV/AIDS epi-
17	demic and the emergence of multi-drug resistant
18	strains of tuberculosis, tuberculosis has again be-
19	come a leading and growing cause of adult deaths in
20	the developing world.
21	(3) According to the World Health
22	Organization—
23	(A) in 1998, about 1,860,000 people
24	worldwide died of tuberculosis-related illnesses;

1	(B) one-third of the world's total popu-
2	lation is infected with tuberculosis; and
3	(C) tuberculosis is the world's leading kill-
4	er of women between 15 and 44 years old and
5	is a leading cause of children becoming or-
6	phans.
7	(4) Because of the ease of transmission of tu-
8	berculosis, its international persistence and growth
9	pose a direct public health threat to those nations
10	that had previously largely controlled the disease.
11	This is complicated in the United States by the
12	growth of the homeless population, the rate of incar-
13	ceration, international travel, immigration, and HIV/
14	AIDS.
15	(5) With nearly 40 percent of the tuberculosis
16	cases in the United States attributable to foreign-
17	born persons, tuberculosis will never be controlled in
18	the United States until it is controlled abroad.
19	(6) The means exist to control tuberculosis
20	through screening, diagnosis, treatment, patient
21	compliance, monitoring, and ongoing review of out-
22	comes.
23	(7) Efforts to control tuberculosis are com-

plicated by several barriers, including—

1	(A) the labor intensive and lengthy process
2	involved in screening, detecting, and treating
3	the disease;
4	(B) a lack of funding, trained personnel,
5	and medicine in virtually every nation with a
6	high rate of the disease;
7	(C) the unique circumstances in each coun-
8	try, which requires the development and imple-
9	mentation of country-specific programs; and
10	(D) the risk of having a bad tuberculosis
11	program, which is worse than having no tuber-
12	culosis program because it would significantly
13	increase the risk of the development of more
14	widespread drug-resistant strains of the disease.
15	(8) Eliminating the barriers to the international
16	control of tuberculosis through a well-structured,
17	comprehensive, and coordinated worldwide effort
18	would be a significant step in dealing with the in-
19	creasing public health problem posed by the disease.
20	SEC. 203. ASSISTANCE FOR TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION,
21	TREATMENT, CONTROL, AND ELIMINATION.
22	Section 104(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
23	(22 U.S.C. 2151b(c)), as amended by section 103(a) of
24	this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the fol-
25	lowing:

- 1 "(7)(A) Congress recognizes the growing inter-
- 2 national problem of tuberculosis and the impact its contin-
- 3 ued existence has on those nations that had previously
- 4 largely controlled the disease. Congress further recognizes
- 5 that the means exist to control and treat tuberculosis, and
- 6 that it is therefore a major objective of the foreign assist-
- 7 ance program to control the disease. To this end, Congress
- 8 expects the agency primarily responsible for administering
- 9 this part—
- "(i) to coordinate with the World Health Orga-
- 11 nization, the Centers for Disease Control, the Na-
- tional Institutes of Health, and other organizations
- toward the development and implementation of a
- 14 comprehensive tuberculosis control program; and
- 15 "(ii) to set as a goal the detection of at least
- 16 70 percent of the cases of infectious tuberculosis,
- and the cure of at least 85 percent of the cases de-
- tected, in those countries in which the agency has
- 19 established development programs, by December 31,
- 20 2010.
- 21 "(B) There is authorized to be appropriated to the
- 22 President, \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 to be used to
- 23 carry out this paragraph. Funds appropriated under this
- 24 subparagraph are authorized to remain available until ex-
- 25 pended.".

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